

### REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In the Office Action mailed November 5, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 4, 5 and 9-11, and expressed that the application would be allowed if all non-elected claims are cancelled and if the title is changed to --Electronic Component Placement Method--.

Accordingly, by the current Amendment non-elected claims 1-3, 6-8 and 12-16 have been cancelled and the title has been changed as suggested by the Examiner.

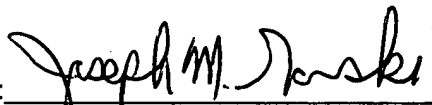
In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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